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NOTES DEFECTS, OUTLINES TASKS
FOR SECOND YEAR OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The economy resolution of the Hungarian Council of Ministers which was made public on the eve of New Year's Day clearly discloses existing defects and outlines future tasks. Evidently, it was not a coincidence that this question came to the fore so emphatically at the beginning of the second year of Hungary's Five-Year Plan. Poor planning and a hankering after easy successes put their stamp on the Three-Year Plan as well as on the first year of the Five-Year Plan, with the result that Hungary's economic potential has not been utilized fully.

In the second year of the Five-Year Plan, however, Hungary is confronted with an international situation in which full exploitation of the country's total reserves, together with the exercise of strict economy, is a question of the defense not of the Hungarian people alone, but of the Hungarian sector of the peace front as well.

Socialist accumulation of capital must be speeded up by the enforcement of strict economy. One of the main obstacles is the attitude of workers who believe that the realization of economy within the plant does not concern them. Yet, only the watchfulness of the workers is capable of liquidating mismanagement in the plants.

In a large number of plants the ratio of materials used has been increasing. In the Kispeszt Textile Mills conservation of materials is completely disregarded. In carrying out investment programs, the managements usually exceed the budgeted expenditure, partly because the execution of the plans is often wrong and work must be duplicated. In agriculture, the state farm workers have not yet acquired the socialist attitude of watching over state property as a farmer would watch over his private property. In commerce also waste is excessive both in investments and in manpower.

The resolution of the Council of Ministers is obviously but the first step in the fight which the state agencies and the workers must carry on to speed up the socialistic accumulation of capital.

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